

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 27; 11 A. M., 32; 2 P. M., 38; 6 P. M., 38; 9 P. M., 35; 12 midnight, 28. Average, 28.5.

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NINE MEN KILLED AS MANY INJURED

Fire in St. Louis, Mo., Fatal
To Firemen.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSED

Men Caught Beneath the Crash
Have Not Been Rescued.

FALLING WALLS CAUGHT MANY

The Number of Those Killed Is Not Known
Definitely, But Will Not Prove Less
Than Six—Firemen Worked
Hard to Rescue Their
Companions, But to
No Avail.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 4.—At least nine men were killed and as many more injured at a fire at No. 314 Chestnut Street, occupied by the American Tent and Awning Company. The building suddenly collapsed, and although the half dozen men who were caught in the crash had not been reached by their hard working comrades two hours later, it is almost certain they have succumbed. The dead: AUGUST THIERRY, first assistant chief, caught in ruins.

MICHAEL KEHOE, assistant foreman, caught in ruins.

DANIEL STEELE, foreman, caught in ruins.

William Dundon, pipeman; Charles Krenning, pipeman, and Patrick Berman, assistant foreman.

Three pipemen, names unknown, caught in ruins.

The injured: Frank Lingo, driver of aerial truck, thrown from truck while working 40 feet above the ground, seriously injured; Monroe Moore, inspector for the Imperial Electric Light Company, badly injured by falling debris; Dick McCarthy, engineer, caught by falling walls, seriously hurt; William Jule, Marshal Thierry's driver, caught by falling walls, seriously hurt; William Wand, foreman, seriously injured by falling walls.

AN OLD BUILDING.

The building in which the fire originated was located in the old business section of the city and was about fifty years old. The blaze, which proved a hard one to the fire department to master, had been brought practically under control when suddenly, with absolutely no warning, the building collapsed and came down in a heap with a noise that could be heard for many blocks.

Three firemen at work on the second floor had difficulty in managing a line of hose and Assistant Chief Thibault was on his way with three of his men to lend them aid when the building collapsed.

The men went down with tons of twisted iron, brick, stone and wooden columns enveloping them. Chief Swangley, who was in front of the building directing his men, had a miraculous escape from death. As the front wall fell outward, he scurried across the street and fell under the aerial truck. The truck was covered with debris and partially wrecked, and it was to its sheltering protection that the chief owes his life.

TONS COVER THEM.

Frank Lingo, driver of the truck, was directing a stream of water from the aerial ladder, about forty feet from the ground, when the wall fell. A portion of the debris struck him and he was hurled through the air to the ground, receiving probably fatal injuries.

Chief Swangley put his entire force to work at once in an effort to rescue the buried firemen, but although the men worked heroically they had not been able to reach the victims at midnight. It is certain that all are dead, as tons of debris cover them.

Following is a list of the losses: American Tent and Awning Company, \$25,000; McLean estate, loss on buildings, \$35,000; Herman Ruppelt, job printer, \$30,000, scattering, \$5,000.

BOILERS BLEW UP.

B dies of Men on Low Coast Lown High Into Air.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 5.—Word just received from Braddock that the boilers of the tow boat John W. Ayres blew up at 115 A. M. with 16 men aboard. Witnesses of the accident say they saw several bodies of the men on the boat blown through the air.

The accident happened at the south bank of the Monongahela River, opposite the foot of Thirteenth Street, Braddock.

HONOR MARSHALL DAY.

Richmond Lodge Celebrates the Anniversary in a Happy Manner.

Richmond Lodge, No. 10, A. F. and A. M., held a memorial meeting last night in honor of John Marshall, who was a member of this lodge, and past grand master of Masons in Virginia, and one who did a great deal of good for the Order in the early days of this country's history.

The programme for the evening had two speeches:

"John Marshall as a Mason," by Mr. R. A. Brock, the historian, and "John Marshall as a Man," by Hon. J. C. Montague, Governor of Virginia. Gov. Montague was, on account of his recent indisposition, unable to come out at night.

MR. CASKIE MAKES BRIEF COMMENTS

Cannot Account for Capt. McCarthy's Sorrow.

MAY TELL ALL HE KNOWS

Is at Liberty to Deal With the Councilman's Record.

GREAT CHURCH HILL MEETING

Hot Times Are Expected Now that Mr. Caskie Has Thus Spoken—"Live Wire" May Deal With Subject To-Morrow

Night—Conference of Madison Ward Citizens.

CITY FIGHTS.

"I know of no reason why Mr. McCarthy should feel profoundly sorry for me. If there are any facts concerning my conduct as a member of the Common Council which he desires to make public, of course, is at liberty to do so."

The above is the brief, but direct, comment made by Mr. James Caskie, when seen last night concerning Captain McCarthy's now famous dodge, in which he expressed "profound sorrow" for the popular Councilman, along with Mr. E. L. Demiss, president of the Richmond Traction Company.

Mr. Demiss declined to say anything whatever on the subject. Captain McCarthy may now be expected to tell what he meant by his allusion to Mr. Caskie, since he has the latter's unqualified consent to do so. That he will make this the subject of some of his remarks in his speech at Corcoran Hall to-morrow night, there is hardly a reasonable doubt, for he said in his dodge that if Mr. Caskie would tell why he (Captain McCarthy) was sorry, it would relieve him of the painful necessity. He, perhaps, considers that necessity now upon him. Mr. Caskie says he does not know.

IS GROWING HOT.

The campaign is growing hot, and there are evidences all along the lines of increasing heat. Corcoran Hall will hardly hold all those who will apply for admission to-morrow night, and the hall is being used for the purpose of a meeting for the Old Market Hall is being worked up. Whether it will be held this or next week is still a question, but according to leaders down there, it will be held shortly.

The City Committee will meet on Friday night, February 14th, to arrange a date for the primary. After this is done the campaign will open up in dead earnest all along the lines.

THE WHOLE SHOW.

Mayor Willett is expected to take the stump shortly after the date is set. The mayorally campaign, one-sided as the speaking end of it is, is now the "whole show," and when "Honest Dick" comes to the bat it will be all the more so. Little attention is being paid apparently to the campaign for the other field officers. Hon. John E. Epps has been ill for the past week, but is out now, and resumed his fight against Mr. John T. Hughes for sheriff yesterday. They are both active, but little is heard of the contest for Mayor. Sergeant Smith and Mr. Claiborne Epps are again struggling with each other for City Sergeant, but there is nothing sensational about their race.

FOR COUNCIL TICKET.

Interest is beginning to look up, however, in the selection of Councilmen. A well-attended meeting of representative citizens of Madison Ward was held at Murphy's Hotel last night for the purpose of taking steps looking to the bringing out of a ticket for the Council and the present members of the Council and Board of Aldermen are to be chosen, the term of Captain James T. Ferrier, of the upper branch, expires this year.

Mr. R. L. Taylor was made chairman of the meeting and Mr. Thomas Boudar secretary.

It was finally agreed to appoint a committee of seven to pick out candidates for the Council and Board from Madison Ward, and to report their names to another meeting to be held at Murphy's Hotel to-morrow evening.

Members of the ward are invited to write, citizens of the ward are invited to write, names of good men who can be induced to run in writing to the members of the committee, whose names and addresses are as follows:

Wm. L. Taylor, No. 1117 East Main Street; W. L. Taylor, No. 1117 East Main Street; Percy H. Hines, No. 1117 East Main Street; T. P. Campbell, No. 1117 East Main Street; W. P. Smith, No. 1117 East Main Street; and Mr. B. B. Rosenberg, city.

SAID TO BE IN FAVOR.

While, of course, the action of the committee cannot be anticipated, five names were suggested for the Common Council last night, and they are said to be: great favor in the ward. They are Messrs. E. L. Demiss, J. C. Montague, D. O. M. B. Rosenberg, A. H. Christian, L. E. Davis, F. L. Montague and Burnett Lewis. The present members were also suggested to the committee, with the exception of President Ebel, who, it is understood, does not desire re-election.

Mr. Geo. McD. Blake made a strong appeal for the consideration of the names of Messrs. Hobson, Glenn, Wallerstein and West, provided the committee, on investigation, should find them no doubt to have the present members will be taken into consideration by the committee. There was much interest in the meeting last night, and Councilman Glenn was in the lobby mixing with his friends and constituents and giving all the glad hand.

UP IN CLAY.

The fight for Aldermen in Clay Ward is narrowing down. Leading politicians and citizens of that ward said yesterday that there was no fight on Alderman Seay.

The other candidates for the Board are Messrs. J. B. Minor and James R. Shepard, the latter a new man, but very popular.

The fight against Mr. Mills in Jefferson Ward is waning. Mr. Mills is giving his friends a good account of himself, and he declares that his record is as an open book, which he would be glad to have any one examine.

Councilman Garber has practically decided to stand for re-election to the Common Council from Marshall Ward. His friends have been after him to strive for the Board, but he thinks that he can be of just as much service to his constituents in the Council, and so will announce himself at the meeting of the Fulton Democrats to-morrow night.

Mayor Taylor has not accepted the invitation to speak before the Clay Ward Citizens on Saturday night. He said yesterday he would not accept.

It is probable that after the City Committee fixes the date for the primary, the activities will hold regular weekly meetings, at which any candidate may speak.

IN THE SAME CATEGORY.

Captain McCarthy said yesterday that his object in calling to the attention of the Common Council, the need of action in reference to the conduct of the office of High Constable, was to put that office in the same category with the other city offices.

"I think the High Constable should be instructed to make regular reports to the Council, showing the amount of business done. The claims presented, these collected and those uncollected," he said.

High Constable E. C. Garrison said yesterday that Captain McCarthy was right when he stated that the Common Council had not formulated regulations for the conduct of his office, but that the office was not under the jurisdiction of the Council.

"We work under the statute," he said, "and are answerable to our patrons and to no one else. We make reports to the people with whom we deal and whose claims we are looking out for."

City Attorney Pollard will give his opinion on the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

FOR ALDERMAN.

Councilman Mary Gunst is a candidate for the Board of Aldermen from Monroe Ward. He reached this determination yesterday, in accordance with the wishes of many influential citizens from his ward, who presented him a numerous signed petition.

The Union Fulton Democratic Club, of which Mr. John Duffy is president, will meet at Donahue's Hall to-morrow night.

THE CITY OF MANCHESTER LOSSES AT LEAST \$122,211 BY FRANK H. FITZGERALD, THE REFUGEE CLERK OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY. THIS AMOUNT BELONGED TO THE SCHOOL FUND OF MANCHESTER, AND WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, OF WHICH FITZGERALD WAS THE CLERK. HE HAD THE POSITION SINCE 1893. THE THEFTS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AT INTERVALS DURING THIS PERIOD OF OFFICE.

THE ABOVE FACTS CAME OUT LAST NIGHT AT PROBABLY THE MOST INTERESTING MEETING OF THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD EVER HELD. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE ACCOUNTS OF FITZGERALD MADE ITS REPORT. THAT REPORT IS PRINTED ABOVE. THE COMMITTEE WAS CONTINUED, AS A STATEMENT WAS MADE THAT OTHER LOSSES WOULD LIKELY BE DISCLOSED. IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT A SPECIAL ACCOUNTANT MAY BE EMPLOYED TO STILL FURTHER EXAMINE THE BOOKS OF THE FORMER CLERK. THE OFFICE OF CLERK WAS DECLARED VACANT.

GOTTEN UP HASTILY.

The meeting was called late yesterday afternoon and few persons knew about it. But all who found it out in any way attended. It was an open session. The reading of the report from the committee was heard with breathless interest. It would appear from the discussion that Fitzgerald got the money by presenting forged warrants to the city treasurer for payment. This was one way. Another was to make out the amount, get the warrant signed by the president of the School Board, then Captain John O'Brien and later raise the sum. This could be done, and it is asserted was done in a consummate manner. For instance, suppose the Board had approved the bill of a publishing house for \$50. That amount would be written on the warrant, the "5" plainly, the "0" indistinctly, or faintly. After the signature of the president it was an easy matter to raise the amount to \$5. The clerk could get a check for that amount, forge it, send the right sum to the publishing house, and pocket the difference.

The question was asked by a member if the bank were not responsible for the money, as the checks were alleged to have been forged. This matter was passed by for later consideration. It was the opinion of all that Treasurer Broughought ought to be and was expected. He really had nothing to do with the transaction except honor the warrants, which were evidently signed by the president of the School Board.

HAVE AN EXPERT.

Captain O'Brien, the former president of the Board, suggested the employment of an expert accountant to examine the books of Fitzgerald still further. No action was then taken on the suggestion, but the committee will continue.

The minutes of 1898 have never been found, though the committee looked diligently for them.

Superintendent Pulliam was the acting secretary of the meeting last night.

Mr. L. M. Nunnally was elected clerk of the Board to fill out the unexpired term. Eight persons have applied already for the position.

The report that the session of the Manchester schools would be shortened on account of the shortage is erroneous. Before it was over dreamed that the clerk was other than the most upright man in the world, early last fall, it was determined to have only an eight calendar months' session for 1901-1902. This will be done now.

The money was not taken last year—that is, but a small part of it. Probably not enough to pay one teacher, but the false accounts continue a number of years back.

The people of Manchester are distressed beyond measure because of these revelations—sorry for the unfortunate man who went astray, a thousand times sorry for the stricken wife and children and

the deeply bereaved brothers and relatives.

STEAMSHIP COMBINE.

Agreement as to Rates Will Go Into Effect Shortly.

(By Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—The agreement arrived at between the leading British, American and Continental steamship lines concerning both passenger and freight rates, and which raises saloon rates to a uniform minimum, will come into operation in a few days.

The following lines have signed the agreement:

American, White Star, Dominion, Elder Dempster, Allan, Allan-Stat, Anchor, Leyland, Atlantic Transport, North German Lloyd, Hamburg-American, Red Star, Cunard, Sverdrup, Transatlantic and the Holland-American lines.

This agreement will make an extension of summer season of Transatlantic travel.

SCHLEY IN KNOXVILLE.

Trip Through Tennessee and Admiral Will Never Forget.

(By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 4.—The trip of Admiral and Mrs. Schley through Tennessee, from Chattanooga to Knoxville, was one which they will never forget. At Cleveland, Sweetwater, Loudon, Lenox and smaller places along the route the entire populations of the towns met the trains and the ovations were enthusiastic. At all the points Admiral and Mrs. Schley were called to the rear platform of their private car, where the Admiral shook hands with the people, while Mrs. Schley was virtually buried in floral offerings from school children.

Darkness did not diminish the crowds and immense bonfires gleamed at many places. Admiral Schley's entrance into Knoxville at 8 o'clock to-night was made amid a perfect din of steam whistles and bells. Packed in the Union Station were fully 5,000 persons, who cheered again and again as the train arrived.

Big Fight on the Wendenburg Case.

The Report Was Unanimous, But His Friends Are Confident.

A great battle is expected when the City Bar Association meets on February 4th to take final action on the report of the Grievance Committee on the body in the Wendenburg case, which, it is understood, recommends that the young lawyer be expelled from the Association for alleged unprofessional conduct. It was learned yesterday from reliable authority that the report of the Grievance Committee was unanimous, having been signed by all the members, as follows: Judges L. L. Lewis (chairman) and Geo. L. Christian, Messrs. John Pickrell, Hill Carter and Edwin P. Cox.

The utmost secrecy was enjoined upon the members of the Association as to the proceedings of the meeting on Monday, which was held in the City Hall behind closed doors. Neither Mr. Wendenburg, his counsel, nor members of the committee had anything to say concerning the matter yesterday, but as the result of the meeting leaked out, as is usually the case on such occasions.

The report of the committee is adverse to the young attorney and will undoubtedly cause a big fight, yet the by-laws are said to require that two-thirds of the members of the body shall vote for it before it can be adopted. There are 15 members and Mr. Wendenburg's friends seem confident that it will never be adopted. Should the report be finally adopted, it is understood that an effort would be made to have him disbarred from practice in the city courts. It is said by one who ought to know that the trend of sentiment at the meeting on Monday was apparently largely in favor of vindicating Mr. Wendenburg.

AN INDIAN'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

Sandford Bradby Killed by His Own Gun While Hunting.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WESTOVER, VA., Feb. 4.—A searching party, under the lead of Mr. F. L. Donahue, of Weyanoke, found the body of Sandford Bradby, a Pamunkey Indian, in the marsh at that place yesterday. Bradby had been out on a hunt for shooting and trapping, and was last seen alive when he left his camp early Friday night, failing to return late Friday night. The alarm was given and a party organized for the search.

From the position of the body and an ugly gunshot wound the supposition is in getting into his skiff the gun was accidentally discharged, killing him instantly.

THE POISONED BRIDE.

Dr. M. B. Kinzer Will Try to Refute the Charge of Murder.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 4.—Dr. M. B. Kinzer, the young physician who is suspected of having poisoned for insurance money his bride of three weeks, met Miss Lella Belle Patton of Bristol, in Knoxville, a few days ago, and who has since been with his father, Rev. J. C. Kinzer here, left this evening for Knoxville in company with his uncle, Judge Oglesby of Hillsville, Va., presumably with the hope of refuting the criminal idea in the case.

Kinzer is twenty-four years of age. He came to Bristol more than a year ago with his father's family. He went from here to Knoxville to study medicine. Prior to going there he had met Miss Patton, an orphan girl, who is well connected here. On the 6th day of January Miss Patton went to Knoxville alone to meet Dr. Kinzer, and a few days later they made application for a joint life insurance policy for \$5,000. Mrs. Kinzer's death followed by poisoning. As has been related in the press dispatches, the bride, it was thought to have been a mistake, in which morphine was administered as quinine.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—General Torrance, commander of the G. A. R., will be heard by the House Committee February 14th on the bill of Representative Hay to establish a National Military Park on the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Va.

EDUCATION IS ON THE INCREASE

Interesting Statement Showing Illiterate White Males.

A TRICK OF FIGURES

Indicate More Ignorant White Adults, But Ratio Less.

INCOMES OF UNIVERSITIES

able Giving the Productive Funds and Annual Earnings of the Leading Institutions of America, Including University of Virginia—All

Seem to be in a Prosperous Condition.

Never before in the history of the South has the literacy or illiteracy of the male whites of the South been the object of so much attention. Many of the States have recently formed new constitutions with the admitted purpose of getting rid of the vote of the negro. To do this, the constitutions almost without exception contain an educational qualification.

No secret has been made of the fact that this clause had the purpose to serve of keeping out the illiterate negro vote and thus eliminating from the right of franchise many of that race. This circumstance has brought to the attention of every thinking man the question: How many white voters would thus be affected? And out of this grows the other and still more interesting and the broader question: Is illiteracy increasing or decreasing in the South?

A TRICK OF FIGURES.

All would expect the answer that the ratio of the illiterate is much smaller than it was thirty years ago, and that it is steadily decreasing. And that is true. But at first sight it would not appear so. See these figures which show the number of adult white males in the States given, who could not read and write at the taking of the census of 1870 and 1890:

State	Illiterate White Males, 1870	Illiterate White Males, 1890
Alabama	17,429	11,611
Arkansas	11,110	23,333
Florida	8,866	6,538
Georgia	21,899	23,448
Kentucky	10,400	6,541
North Carolina	31,111	24,474
South Carolina	12,000	13,885
Texas	17,535	15,190
Virginia	27,695	35,607
West Virginia	15,181	22,021

SECRET ANALYZED OUT.

An analysis of these figures shows that the increase in number of illiterate white males has been less great in South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia, in the order named. And that the increase has been greatest of all in Texas.

It is confidently stated that the increase is due to the rapid growth in population. The South has received a great influx of settlers in the last thirty years than ever was dreamed of before. But to the honor of the public schools can it be said that the percentage of illiterates has steadily increased from year to year until now it is at an average of about 25 per cent.

The schools of the South are immeasurably better to-day than ever before, as the reports of all the departments of public instruction show. Of course, the better class of the white people of the South have always been educated, and it is only the mountainous and remote sections that had not until late years been reached.

THE UNIVERSITIES' INCOMES.

The following is a most interesting table compiled by Secretary Brent, of the State Board of Education, showing the productive funds and total incomes of the great institutions of learning of the country, including Virginia's University:

Institutions	Productive Funds	Total Income
Cornell Univ.	\$1,200,000	\$2,500,000
Harvard Univ.	1,000,000	2,500,000
Yale Univ.	1,000,000	2,500,000
Princeton Univ.	1,000,000	2,500,000
Stanford Univ.	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of California	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Michigan	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Wisconsin	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Minnesota	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Iowa	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Illinois	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Missouri	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Nebraska	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Kansas	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Oklahoma	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Texas	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Arkansas	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Louisiana	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Mississippi	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Alabama	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Georgia	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Florida	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of South Carolina	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of North Carolina	1,000,000	2,500,000
University of Virginia	1,000,000	2,500,000

TO BUILD WARSHIPS.

Admiral Bowles' Advocates Government Construction of the Navy.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Admiral Bowles, chief of the Navy Bureau of Construction, in the course of a statement before the House Naval Committee to-day, in explanation of his estimates, expressed himself strongly in favor of building warships in Government yards, and urged that he be given authority to construct one or more vessels in the Government yards.

Admiral Bowles' suggestion probably will be presented later in the form of an amendment to the bill.